already been communicated to the Department of Industrial Development for taking a final decision in the matter.

The files relating to the aforesaid two cases, alongwith other records, have been destroyed in the fire which broke out in Krishi Bhawan on 16-10-92.

Import of Wheat

1863. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have decided .to import wheat from U.S.A., Canada and .other countries;

(b) if so, what is the quantity and what is the price per quintal; and

(e) -Whether it would not effect wrfaiai growers in the country-?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *THE* MINISTRY OF FOOD {SHRI TARON GOGOI) : (a) and (b) 'Government has contracted for import of 2.990 million tonnes of wheat from «Mi» and, USA in order to increase the domestic availability and thereby prevent sharp rise in wheat ^prices Airing the leanseason «t October-March and further to maintain required supplies -of wheat ^frj^'Wblio Distribution System fPBS) in States «(d Union Territories, iaoludttrg <fhe iwamped PDS launched in lafcont t766^Blot*8 emr-ing dratrght'prowe, 'desert, ttffly and tiSbfll areas. The quantity contracted cotmtry wise and its price per *"WT* is given as under:

Sl. No.	Name of country from which wheat being imported & contract date	Quantity contracted in lakh tonnes	Rate US $ P.M.T. FOB
1.	Canada (19-6-92)	10.05	147.78 (Average)
2.	Australia (25-8-92)	5.00	137.50
3	Australia (8-10-92)	5.00	135.00
4.	USA (6-10-92)	9.85	110.50 (for October-December, 92 Shipment) 112.50 (for January-March, '93 Shipment)

(c) No, Sir.

Visit of Secretary, Ministry of Food to Foreign Countries

1864. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to stare what are the details of the outcome of the recent foreign visit of Secretary, Ministry of Food in connection with wheat import contracts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : Recently, during the period from.28^9-1992 to 8-10-1992, a 3 .member delegation comprising of Secretary (Food). Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser and Joint Commissioner (.Quality) visited USA in connection with -import -of wheat from USA antiMgigned contracts for import of 9.85 lakh tonnes of -wheat -at subsidised prices under the U.S. Government's Btport %Jlhanceffli«it Programme (EBP).

Import of Wheat under *VS.* Export Enhancement Programme

1865. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Wi11 the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a lact Government have permitted expert of